

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Leigh Morning, Attorney, and Deborah Adams, Auditor in attendance. Councilman Bruce Levi was absent.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order. Minutes of the June 10th, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by John Pavey. Motion carried.

JUVENILE PROBATION USER FEES

Judge Dave Northam appeared before the council to discuss usage of the Juvenile Probation User Fees for the purpose of funding the Assistant Probation Officer wages and to assist with the supplement of the salary for the Chief Probation Officer. John Pavey made the motion to approve the \$60,000 additional appropriations

Chief Probation Officer	26-1000-1-1	\$10,309.00
Ass't Probation Officer	26-1000-1-2	\$13,071.24
Employer Share FICA	26-1000-1-3	\$ 1,797.00
Employer Share Perf	26-1000-1-4	\$1,468.00
Other Services	26-1000-3-1	\$33,354.76

Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

John Pavey made the motion to approve the \$6,000 additional appropriation 1-29-1-2 for the salary of the EMA Assistant Director. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Voting Aye were Norman Winkler, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, Jerry Kent. Voting Nay was Kevin Spilman.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported thirty (30) inmates currently housed in the Rush County Jail.

Sherwood reported that Verizon has forced an upgrade of server equipment for 2010. The Indigital server will cost approximately \$90,000 and is partially reimbursed through a federal grant. I-T Technician Randy Herbert reported that the 911 server will be housed in Indianapolis. Sherwood approached the council as to using the wireless 911 fund #200 for the budgeting of the server.

Herbert reported that Kimball is providing a possible three year savings reimbursement to the county on their 911 phone lines.

Jerry Kent made the motion for Council Chairman Norman Winkler to sign the Rush County Police Retirement Plan. John Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sherwood reported on the process of acquiring a K-9 dog for the sheriff department. Sherwood reported that the State Board of Accounts informed him that the firearms training fund could not be used for the K-9 dog. Sherwood reported that LCC has committed \$6,000 Duane Raab is currently working on a grant available through the Community Foundation. The total needed is approximately \$18,000

Sherwood reported that the public began registering for weather warnings associated with CodeRed during the Rush County Fair. Registration is also available on the County Website Sherwood noted.

CERT

Roy Mohr appeared before the council asking the county to create and accept contributions on behalf of CERT. The contributions will be used for future training of CERT individuals. Mohr was informed that the fund will need appropriated when the time comes to spend the monies. Jerry Kent made the motion to create the fund. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE

Deborah Adams, Auditor, reported that the courthouse clock tower roof will be accepting bids and opened August 3, 2009. Adams reported as to the sources of funding of the roof replacement.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, reported that Treasurer Mary Ann Beard reported that tax collections were down over 2008 by \$4.0 million. Councilman Gerald Mohr questioned as to what portion of the 2008 collections were school and welfare monies. Adams indicated that she would research the comparison.

Gerald Mohr made the motion to approve the amended 2009 salary ordinance 2008-6. John Pavey seconded the motion. Voting Aye were Norman Winkler, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris and Jerry Kent. Voting Nay was Kevin Spilman

Adams reported that the commissioners during their July 6th meeting recommended a 2 ½% wage increase for county employees to compensate for the 14% health insurance increase.

Adams reported that a calculation of the estimated circuit breaker tax credits reflect a possible \$110,821 shortfall for the county. The council also received a comparison of 2009 estimated and actual assessed values and gross tax rates.

Discussion was held on the 2010 budget calendar for adoptions. The council decided to extend the budget adoptions to a third day, September 16, 17, and 18

MISC.

- Kevin Spilman updated council members regarding attending the SBOA called Council conference held in Indiana. Spilman noted that a lot of time was spent discussing LOIT
- John Pavey provided an ECDC update to other council members. Pavey noted that the economy has slowed the development of the North Industrial Park

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Jerry Kent. John Pavey seconded the motion, motion carried.

Norman Winkler, Chairman

John Pavey

Gerald Mohr

Warren Norris

Bruce Levi

Kevin Spilman

Jerry Kent